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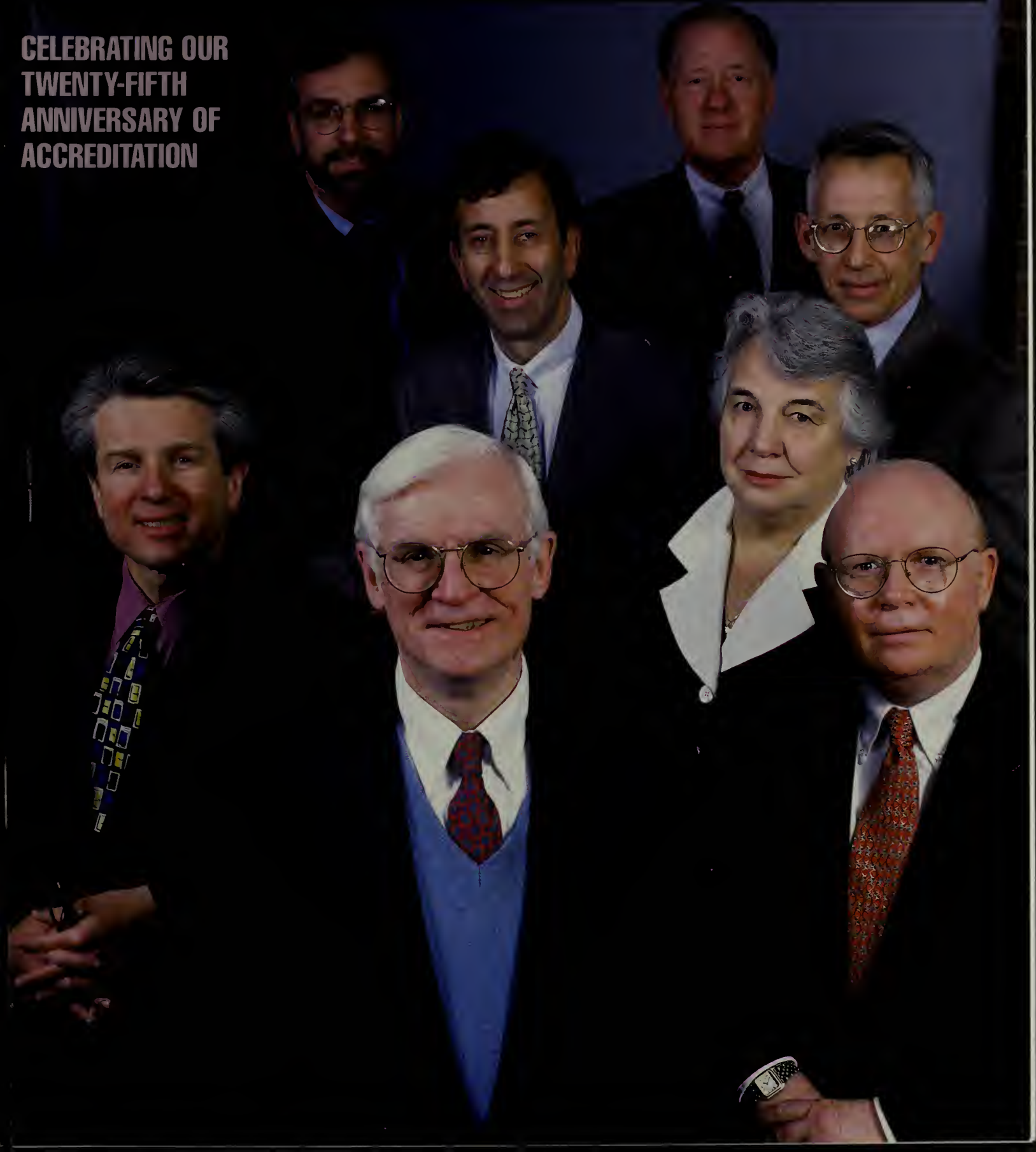

On the Cover:
Alumni of the Class of 1976 reminisced recently with faculty and staff about the days of the School of Law when it was located on Tinkham Road. The School of Law celebrated several milestones recently. Front row: Professor Phil Bouchard, who has taught at the School of Law for 25 years, and John Looney '76; Second row: David Wenc '76 and Barbara Falvo, a 25-year staff member of the law school; Third row: Thomas Libbos and Hank Geberth, both 1976 graduates; and Back row: Stanley Peck '76 and Dean Donald Dunn, who has been a member of the faculty/staff at the School of Law for 25 years.

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From the Dean's Office

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This issue of *Perspectives* highlights the events surrounding our 25th Anniversary Celebration of ABA accreditation on September 12. And what a great day it was! There were five seminars in the morning focusing on limited liability companies, sexual harassment, major changes in the tax laws, attorney-client privilege, and viatical settlements. These programs were such successes that I want to offer similar ones once each semester under the heading "Seminar Saturday."

The Events

At the luncheon that same day representatives of our alumni, faculty, students, and friends toasted and roasted me in recognition of my appointment as dean. It was a fun event, attended by over 200, and was especially enjoyable and meaningful for me and my family.

Events concluded Saturday evening with an all-class reunion dinner. Phil Bouchard and I, both members of the founding full-time faculty, along with approximately 100 others, were in attendance. That dinner brought to an end a day filled with excitement about and enthusiasm for our law school. Our Alumni Association and Alumni Office deserve many kudos for organizing the celebration.

There was one event that took place during that series of day-long activities that I found especially enjoyable. Five of our student leaders participated in a panel in which they gave their perspectives on the "Law School Today." I was so proud of them. They told the numerous alumni in attendance about the many exciting student-initiated programs and public service efforts underway at our law school. These student initiatives are designed to promote the name of the law school to a wider audience. In

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turn, our alums gave suggestions, provided insights, and even offered to partner with the students in some of these ventures. Professionalism continues to be alive and strong at our law school. We see it every day in our students and in our alumni and faculty.

Recognition

In addition to this issue of *Perspectives* being about celebration, it is also an issue about recognition. Contained herein is a listing of those who contributed to the School of Law financially or in other ways during our fiscal year July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 and a listing of those who have contributed so far to the "$25 for the 25th" campaign. To our many, many contributors I extend my most heartfelt thanks.

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Last year I set what many said were unrealistic fundraising goals. I set a goal of 1,000 alumni donors contributing $75,000. We made it! A total of 1,014 alumni donors gave $77,000. Additional contributions from friends and bequests brought the final count to 1,077 and $108,318. For the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 I am being even more ambitious, seeking $90,000 from 1,250 alumni donors and $110,000 overall. We can make it with your help. With over $14,500 raised from more than 500 alumni during our special "$25 for the 25th" campaign, we are off to a great start.

The previous and inaugural issue of *Perspectives* was a rousing success. Everyone enjoyed the new professional look. It is part of a major effort to showcase our School of Law in ways that increase our name recognition and the perception people have about us. We are a first class operation and we want the world to know. In addition to going to alums, *Perspectives* is now being sent to an expanded mailing list including law deans, judges, prospective donors, and future employers. You can help us by prominently displaying issues of *Perspectives* in your workplace.

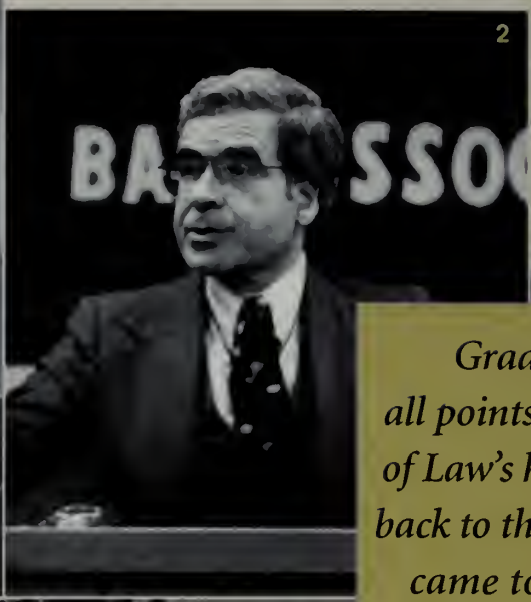
Conclusion

Let me conclude by stressing what an honor it is to serve as your dean. As I said at the recognition luncheon on September 12, "Our infrastructure is sound and we are on the move. Now is the time to build on what we have. We must relentlessly promote the name of this institution through our collective good works. We must take pride in the accomplishments of one another and be a support mechanism for each other. We must continue to bring to our own work, whatever it may be, our culture of intellectual rigor and quality service in a caring environment. During my tenure as dean and thereafter I want each of you to be able to say, 'I'm proud of what he's doing' or 'I am proud of what he has done.'"

I hope you will take the time to share with me your thoughts about ways we can continue to better Western New England College School of Law.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Dunn



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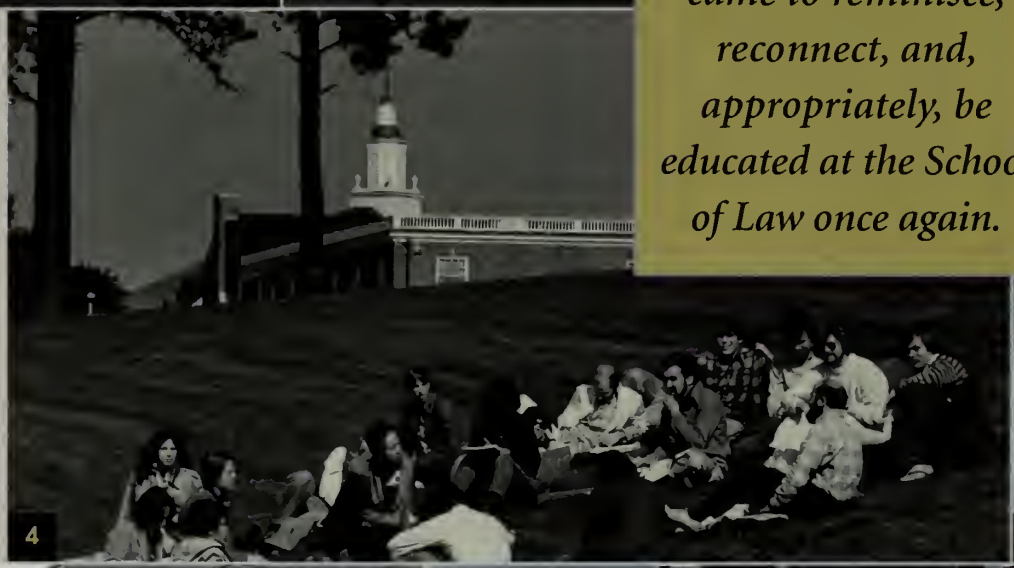

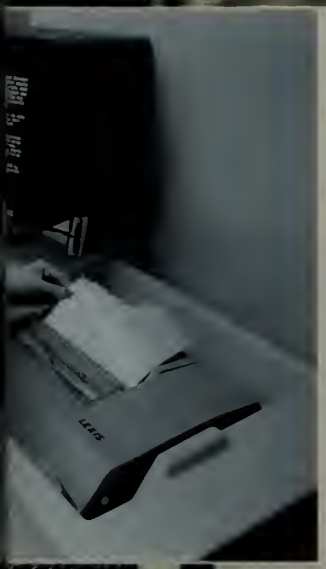

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Marked by Stories of the Past and Visions of the Future

On September 12, 1998, the School of Law celebrated several milestones: the 25th anniversary of the School's receiving accreditation from the American Bar Association, 25 years of the establishment of the full-time law program, and the appointment of its first law alumnus, Donald J. Dunn, to the position of law school dean.

The celebration, planned under the auspices of the Law Alumni Association, met with great success. Over 300 alums, students, faculty, and staff came together to reflect on the School of Law's past and evaluate its present. Past students met and exchanged anecdotes with current students. Faculty and staff noted the evolution of the school from the Tinkham Road days when gaining accreditation was on everyone's minds. Dean Dunn spoke of his vision and the School's course for the future. Graduates from all points in the School of Law's history dating back to the class of 1932 came to reminisce, reconnect, and, appropriately, be educated at the School of Law once again.

The festivities began with the academic: seminars on various legal "hot" topics taught by current law professors and alumni. Alumni and current students listened and learned of the ever-developing intricacies of attorney-client privilege from Professor Art Wolf, Professor Bruce Miller, and the Hon. Bertha Josephson '78. Professor Bill Baker lectured on current use of viatical settlements in estate planning. Professor Valorie Vojdik, Christine Chinni '91, and John Wolohan '92 discussed the evolving rules regarding sexual harassment. The benefits and the pitfalls of establishing limited liability companies was addressed by Professor Fred Royal. Rounding out the tax discussion was Professor Bill Metzger who spoke on the major changes in the tax laws. Current students heard expansions of topics currently being

1. The Law Library provided a quiet place for study in this 1978 photo.

2. Harvard Law School Professor Arthur Miller was a guest speaker in 1982.

3. Dean Howard Kalodner listens with students to a speech presented by *New York Times* reporter Myron Farber in 1978.

4. Associate Professor Stewart Graham took his class outside in this 1979 photo.

5. In 1981, this Lexis console was state-of-the-art.

6. The Honorable George Keady presided over a moot court session in 1979.

7. Bob Thiesing '79, Mike Kogut '80, and Shelly Parker '79 gathered to talk outside of the entrance of the Law Center in 1978.

8. In 1979, Judith Miles '78, Hank Abrashkin '78, Dean Kalodner, Attorney Thomas Smith, and Springfield College Dean John Costello conducted a forum on placement and career opportunities.

Spanning the decades: Professor Phil Bouchard, former Dean and Professor Howard Kalodner, Dean Donald Dunn, and former Professor Norm Prance enjoyed the festivities at the dinner celebrating the School of Law 25th anniversary of its ABA accreditation.

studied in class and explored areas of law new to them. For some alums, this was an opportunity to be updated on progressions and controversies in a new area of law. For others, this was an opportunity to see their former professors in action. Video tapes of each seminar are available from the Office of Alumni Relations.

A student panel then took the floor with the goal of briefing alumni on the current state of the School of Law. The panel, moderated by Student Bar Association president Phil Stackhouse '99, consisted of Lisa Ball '99, the School's representative to the Law Student Division of the ABA; Clarissa Johnson '99, vice president of the Multicultural Law Student Association; Rob Greitz '99, co-editor of *Lex Brevis*, and treasurer of the Basketball Tournament Committee; and Kim Wiezbicki '99, the current Student Bar Association evening vice president. The panelists discussed current student activities, successes, and concerns. Specifically, the panel unanimously expressed the need for speakers on campus and what could be accomplished with a greater alumni resource base.

Members of the graduating classes of 1932 and 1933 were honored during the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Today's School of Law was established in 1919 as the Springfield Branch of Northeastern University. Law classes at Springfield Northeastern graduated between the years of 1923 through 1942. Saul Simons '32, left, and Norman Landry '33, right, are joined by Dr. Anthony Caprio, Dean Donald Dunn, and Arthur Marshall, front, who received an honorary doctor of law degree from the School of Law at the May 1998 commencement.

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In response, the alumni in the audience brainstormed with students about increasing alumni/student contacts. Student/alumni community service projects, alumnae participation in the Basketball Tournament, and ways to increase communications between students and alumni were mentioned.

Although name recognition was not resolved in one panel discussion, some concerns were inherently answered by the day's activities. In considering what positives he got from participation in the day's events, Kevin Erwin '00 commented, "It was good to see former law students who have risen to prominent positions in various fields who were not overshadowed by graduates of larger, regional, well-known law schools." President Anthony S. Caprio also attended this session.

Only Fred Royal would borrow a cowboy hat from Bill Baker to conduct his master of ceremony's duties during the lunch on September 12, 1998, honoring Donald Dunn's becoming dean.

Donald J. Dunn '83 was the guest of honor at lunch in the Alumni

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Healthful Living Center where more than 200 gathered to welcome him as Dean of the Law School. Stories of the Law School's past invoked laughter and pride as the audience listened to the contributions and the impact Dean Dunn has made on his alma mater and those who have worked with him.

Charles S. Ryan '93, vice president, The Collaborative Group, Ltd., Long Island, NY, welcomed the attendees and introduced Robert A. Lusardi, associate dean, School of Law, who toasted Dean Dunn on behalf of the law school community. President Caprio gave best wishes on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire college community. The Honorable John M. Greaney, associate justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, reminisced about the history of the School of Law of which he has been a part since he first became an adjunct faculty member in 1966.

The Honorable John F. Greaney, associate justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court was one of the speakers to address Dean Dunn during the luncheon in his honor during the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Professor Frederick D. Royal then took over the remaining master of ceremony's duties. Gywn Anderson, University of Texas at Austin, Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library, read a letter of congratulations sent by Roy Mersky, Dean Dunn's mentor from Texas. Bonnie L. Koneski-White '86, director of the Law Library, congratulated Dean Dunn on behalf of the library staff. Current SBA president Phillip E. Stackhouse '99 extended greetings to the Dean on behalf of the students. Alumni representatives from each of the three decades representing Dean Dunn's tenure and various capacities at the Law School recalled Donald Dunn stories: representing the 1970s was Peter B. Storey '76, administrative law judge, Social Security Administration Office of Hearing and Appeals, Portland, ME. Curt L. Hamakawa '84, director of athlete services, U.S. Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO, represented the 1980s and representing the 1990s was Claudia J. Reed '93, senior claims attorney, Monarch Life Insurance Company, Springfield, MA. Nancy L. Sykes '89, president, Law Alumni Association, presented Dean Dunn with a plaque from the Law Alumni Association to commemorate his appointment.

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Former Dean and Professor Howard Kalodner and former Professor Norm Prance share a laugh during the 25th Celebration.

Dean Dunn then spoke briefly of what he wishes to accomplish during his tenure as dean.

The day wrapped up with dinner at the Springfield Marriott. Alumni again reunited with old friends and students made those all-important contacts. The Alumni Association proudly shared its success of its first fund-raiser, the "$25 for the 25th" Campaign, recommitted to its new revitalization, honored Professor Phil Bouchard for his 25 years of service to the School of Law, and once again encouraged everyone in attendance to "look to the future."

What is a party without balloons? Susan Fentin '96, cochair of the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

CyberCites

Law in the 21st Century

When then librarian Donald Dunn and scores of others assembled primarily printed material to establish the Law Library at the leased facility on Tinkham Road, who could have imagined what the advent of computers would mean both to the study and the practice of law some 25 years later? Attorneys have been using computers to, among other things, automate the production of case pleadings and other documents, to streamline client billing, to prepare routine correspondence, and to schedule appointments and automate 'tickler' systems. Students have been using computers for legal research, preparing papers, resumes, and case outline and study aids. However, the advent of the Internet has made almost a limitless amount of research material accessible on-line, often at no cost.

In order to assist students, faculty, and practitioners alike, Patricia Newcombe, reference librarian, Michele Dill LaRose, head of reader services, and Bonnie Koneski-White, director of the Law Library, have prepared a new Law Library publication, *CyberCites*, an annotated topical listing of web sites useful for research purposes. *CyberCites* will be issued monthly during the academic year and each issue will focus on a specific subject area. This publication is available both in print and by clicking on links on the Law Library's home page: www.law.wnec.edu/library/index.html.

Koneski-White noted, "Although we thoroughly research each site listed, due to the nature of the Internet, we cannot guarantee that the site will be as described or the address will be as listed. However, we will do our best to provide the most up-to-date information. We are pleased to include the inaugural issue in *Perspectives* and encourage the alumni to visit the Law Library's web page for future issues of *CyberCites*."

The first issue of *CyberCites* featured these resources:

WashLaw

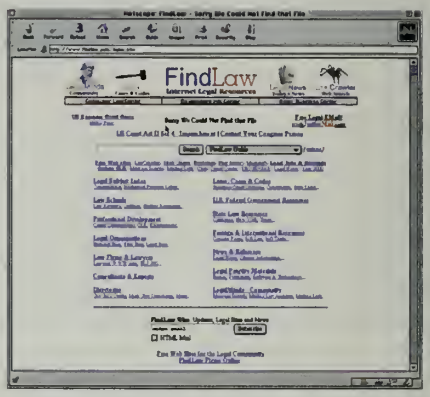
<http://lawlib.wuacc. edu/washlaw/washlaw.html>

WashLaw is the best law-related index page on the Internet. It has everything a researcher could want: court cases, statutes, and general reference material such as zip codes and e-mail directories. WashLaw provides links to all known law-related materials on the Internet, covering state law, federal law, foreign, and international law. The user may also access information in specialized subject areas. Additionally, WashLaw lists a large number of law-related listserv discussion groups.

FindLaw

<http://www.findlaw.com>

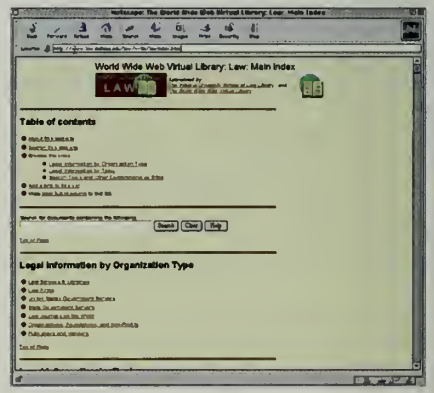
FindLaw is a comprehensive website that makes legal journals and case law accessible. The site is searchable and allows users to conduct full-text searches of all law review articles on the Web. A distinctive feature of this site is the provision of free updates of new law review and law journal article abstracts which are sent via e-mail to requesters. Users who wish to subscribe to this service may



select areas of interest. FindLaw also provides the most complete free database of U.S. Supreme Court decisions on the Web, dating back to 1893.

Virtual Library: Law

<http://www.law.indiana.edu/law/v-lib/lawindex.html>



This site offers links to comprehensive law sites on the Web. It provides numerous sites for beginning research on specific topics. Legal information is arranged by organization type and by subject. This site is useful for both statutory and case law research.

Cornell Legal Information Institute

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

This website links to a wide variety of information on government including the full U.S. Code, bills, reports, state Constitutions, statutes and codes, etc. Included at this site are Supreme Court decisions, available on the day of the decision, and a growing collection

of historic Supreme Court decisions. Other offerings are the full-text of all official judgments, advisory opinions, and orders from the International Court of Justice since 1996. Cornell's page has many links to other relevant legal material on the web.

U.S. House of Representatives Internet Law Library

<http://law.house.gov>

The House web page is one of the most complete directories of on-line law on the Web, linking to almost 5,000 federal, state, foreign, and international law sites and to many on-line sources of full-text law. It provides a full-text searchable copy of the U.S. Code and access to other law resources on the Internet. The Library has organized thousands of Internet law resources by subject or jurisdiction.

Meta-Index for U.S. Legal Research

<http://gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex>

This web page is an index of many of the searchable sites indexes of primary U.S. legal resources on the Internet. The Meta-Index gathers search utilities from a variety of web sites, allowing the user to search the full text of a wide group of on-line legal resources residing at those sites. The Meta-Index is an excellent source for legal researchers who wish to find one place on the Web from which to begin a search for on-line primary authority.

In addition to *CyberCites*, Bonnie Koneski-White also prepared a bibliography of books about the Internet available on reserve at the Law Library and may be found at other libraries. Regular columns or articles can also be found in the *The Practical Litigator, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly,* and *The National Law Journal.*

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Law Alumni Association Reports

By Nancy Sykes '89
Assistant Dean and Director of Alumni Relations

In December, I received the news that Sue Perry was leaving the School of Law because of her husband's relocation to New Mexico. For the past five years Sue has nourished and directed us, always keeping our interest in sight. She has been a personal friend to many of us and it is difficult to imagine the Alumni Office without her. We must let her go and we wish her happiness and adventure in the southwest.

While we say goodbye to Sue, I am pleased to let you know that I have accepted the offer to take over as the new assistant dean and director of law alumni relations at the College. I began on January 4, and look forward to working with you and for you. Rich Trenk '82 will now be serving as your Alumni Association president. Dean Dunn gave him an offer he couldn't refuse.

THE CELEBRATION IS over! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces at Dean Dunn's luncheon and at the 25th Anniversary dinner. The whole weekend left me feeling very proud of my law school's past and equally hopeful for the future. Is it too early to be planning the 50th Celebration?

As I stepped out into the hall during the dinner at the Marriott, I "ran into" a couple from another party peering into the School of Law's banquet room. I asked if I could help them find someone and they replied, "Is that the room with the lawyers? We heard there was a party of lawyers on this floor; we are with another group down the hall." (I later discovered they were with a WWII pilot's anniversary group.) They were sincere in their questioning with genuine interest in their manner. I invited them to come in and meet some of the "lawyers." In unison they responded by stepping back from the door and proclaiming, "Oh no, they are much too important for us!"

I have thought of this moment several times since the anniversary event. At the risk of sounding self serving, it is time for Western New England College School of Law graduates to accept this sincere couple's compliment. Alumni, you are important! Important because you have contributed and are contributing in so many creative and positive ways to your world. The world of our 6,000 graduates extends to all areas of society. We are everywhere!

In the months to come we are going to be looking for you.

In the spring of 2000, the Alumni Association will bestow our first Outstanding Alumni Award to one or more graduates. You will receive information on how to nominate your favorite candidate shortly and the date for the presentation of the award will be announced in a later newsletter.

Good-bye Friends

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this issue of *Perspectives*, I will have relocated west.

My husband, Stephen, was transferred to Albuquerque, New Mexico, as part of a reorganization at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is now assistant regional director—Fishery Resources and responsible for operations in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. While we are pleased to move west again after 24 years of living on the east coast and that Stephen's new job returns him to resource management, we are saddened that once again my career has been interrupted.

At the risk of being trite, it has been both an honor and a privilege to serve you as director of law alumni relations for the past five plus years. Being alumni director has been one of the most worthwhile, fun, and professionally fulfilling things that I have done in my varied career.

When I first began in June 1993, I remember telling my mother that perhaps I had found the perfect job: I can talk to anybody about anything for five minutes—alumni directors need to be engaging; I throw good parties—holding receptions and planning reunions were certainly part of the job; and I wasn't afraid to ask for money—running the annual fund campaign and soliciting special donations are critical tasks. But I quickly realized how much I had to learn about Western New England College School of Law, the many facets of legal education, the varied practice of law, and about you.

I was told early on in my tenure that in order to be a successful alumni director, I needed to develop a good working relationship with the law school dean. If I could not do so, then I had better look for another job. In the five years I had the very good fortune of working with Deans Kalodner, Mahoney, and Dunn—each with their own style, but all willing to share their knowledge with me and put up with my mumbling and "one gesture says a thousand words" approach to decision-making. Associate Dean Bob Lusardi always helped me stay on the straight and narrow. I thank them all.

The law school faculty has been terrific in their support of the alumni office. They were always willing to attend an alumni luncheon or reunion, go to an external event at which we needed a presence, and take on the added public speaking engagements. The staff of the School of Law has also been a pleasure to work with—I can't begin to tell you of the times I asked Barbara Alderman or Barbara Falvo, who have both been at the law school for just about 25 years, for help in remembering you.

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Alumni Elected to Public Office

The 1998 election was a monumental one for the graduates of the School of Law. John E. Sweeney '90 became our first alumnus to be elected to the United States Congress, representing the 22nd district of New York. The 22nd district seat became open in 1998 with the retirement of Representative Gerald B. H. Solomon, a nine-term Republican. Before his run for Congress, Mr. Sweeney was deputy secretary to New York Governor George E. Pataki and served as the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor. A graduate of Russell Sage College, Sweeney was an evening division student at the law school. Congressman-elect Sweeney's district stretches from the Adirondacks to Hyde Park, covering parts of nine New York counties. At the time *Perspectives* went to print, Sweeney had been selected to serve on the Republican Leadership Committee and on the House Transportation Committee.

Cheryl A. Rivera '95 was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the 10th Hampden District. She is the first female Hispanic state legislator elected in state history. Previously

Congressman John E. Sweeney '90, 22nd Congressional District, New York

Representative Rivera served as vice president of the Brightwood Development Corporation and recently opened her own firm in Springfield, MA, along with fellow alumna Laura Marino '96. Her district includes the Springfield neighborhoods of the North End, downtown, the South End, and Forest Park.

Two other alumni members of the Massachusetts General Court were re-elected: Gale D. Candaras '82, Representative for the 13th Hampden District, specifically Wilbraham and parts of Springfield and East Longmeadow; and Daniel F. Keenan '87, Representative for the 3rd Hampden District, which includes the towns of Agawam, Granville, Southwick, Tolland, Blandford, and Russell.

Both alumni members of the Connecticut General Assembly had successful campaigns: John A. Kissel '84 was re-elected to the Connecticut Senate for the 7th District, representing Enfield, Somers, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks; and Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr. '82 was re-elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives for the 142nd District which covers Norwalk and Wilton.

In other states, Thomas L. Stevenson '77 was re-elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 42nd District which covers Allegheny County including parts of Pittsburgh. David A. Young, Jr. '96 was elected to a seat in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for the Alstead area. Prior to coming to law school, he represented this area for more than ten years.

In addition to these national and statewide offices, many alumni are serving as elected officials for cities, towns, and regional governing bodies and serve on local school boards and other commissions. Please let us know if there are other graduates of the School of Law who have been elected to office on a national or state level.

Alumni Judicial Appointments

Recently Massachusetts Governor A. Paul Celluci named four alumni to positions in the judiciary. Two appointments were made to the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court: **Anne M. Geoffrion nee Purcell '79** and **Gail L. Perlman '76**. **Tina S. Page '82** was sworn in as an associate justice on the Massachusetts Superior Court on January 27, 1999. Massachusetts Governor Celluci also nominated **Stephen M. Rainaud '77** to a newly created circuit judge position in the Probate and Family Court for western Massachusetts. Rainaud is currently an assistant register of probate in Franklin County.

Judge Geoffrion was sworn in on September 22, 1998, as the Court's newest associate justice whose duties as circuit judge will require her to sit in all four western Massachusetts counties. Judge Perlman was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Probate bench in Hampshire County.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Geoffrion was a partner at Coyle, Dunbar, Geoffrion & Rideout, an all alumni Springfield firm, whose members include her husband, **Fred Geoffrion '84**, **Patricia Dunbar '84** and **Kevin Coyle '78**. Previously she worked for the firm of Santaniello, Posnik & Basile, also in Springfield.

> ***"They radiated good nature and enthusiasm in all that they undertook. As jurists they will bring their intellectual acumen to bear in producing thoughtful, reasoned, and caring decisions."***

In her remarks during her swearing in ceremony, Judge Geoffrion thanked the governor, her family, the members of the western Massachusetts legal community for their support, and pledged that she would approach her duties as judge with the same philosophy as she did her practice: dedication, compassion, and a good bit of Irish wit.

Upon graduating from the School of Law in 1976, Perlman practiced for 12 years in Springfield with **Ellen Kaplan '76** and Donna Mages. From 1988 until her appointment, she maintained a private practice in Northampton and was a partner with Bruce D. Clarkin, Esq., in Clarkin and Perlman Mediation, providing dispute resolution services in family and business conflicts. She is a member of the Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution and cochair of the Hampshire County Reinventing Justice project. Judge Perlman's swearing-in ceremony took place on November 24, 1998.

Prior to her appointment, Page served for more than eight years as an assistant district attorney for Hampden County. Her work for Hampden district attorney William Bennett included domestic violence and family protection cases. She also worked in the Springfield law department and in private practice.

Upon learning of the appointments, Dean Dunn remarked, "These alums were wonderful students during their years at our law school. They radiated good nature and enthusiasm in all that they undertook. As jurists they will bring their intellectual acumen to bear in producing thoughtful, reasoned, and caring decisions."

At the time *Perspectives* went to press, we have learned of several new judges. **Catherine M. Bartlett '85** was recently elected a judge in Goshen, NY. Judge Bartlett is a former district attorney and partner in the Goshen firm of DeProspo, Petrizzo, Longo & Bartlett. **Bryan F. Meccariello '88** is the newly elected probate judge for the Southington District of Connecticut.

Annual Basketball Tournament

One of the more endearing and unusual traditions at the School of Law is the annual basketball tournament where Western New England College School of Law students challenge other law students from up and down the eastern seaboard to prove their mettle on another kind of court. The origins of the tournament date to 1976, when it seemed only appropriate for the law school located in the birthplace of basketball to host such an event. The inaugural tournament featured 13 teams with the School of Law finishing third. Over the years, the tournament has grown in size to 20 teams of law students and alumni. In 1981 a women's competition was introduced. Coached from the inception by Bruce Miller, with assistance in the mid-80's by Catherine Jones and more recently by Dick Cole, the women have been a dynasty, with their only true competition coming from the alumnae team.

Throughout the early years of the tournament, games were played at Rivers Memorial Gym, Wilbraham-Monson Academy, and Duggan Middle School. In 1994, the games were moved to the Alumni Healthful Living Center on campus where they continue today.

This year's tournament was held on Friday, February 19, through Sunday, February 21, 1999. Rob Greitz '99 coordinated the tournament. Call the Law Alumni Office at (413)-782-1311 for game results.

Good-bye Friends

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I am proud to have assisted you in revitalizing the Law Alumni Association. Your Board of Directors is committed to building a strong chapter structure and to promoting fellow graduates on local, regional, and national levels. I am also pleased to have had a hand in the redesign of the alumni magazine, *Perspectives*, and hope that it will continue to evolve. I am proud to have been able to offer you the opportunity to access your fellow grads on the School of Law's Web Page, thanks to the efforts of Howard Kalodner in linking the alumni database to the web and of Barbara Cooley, the law alumni secretary, in helping to ensure the data is accurate. While the New Jersey Chapter of the Alumni Association came up with the idea of alumni receptions during spring break to make it easier for graduates and current students to get to know each other, I'll always look back with pride for having named the events "WNEC Week." And while I never obtained the really big gift, I helped set the stage for more alumni to donate to the School of Law and in larger amounts in 1999 than in 1993.

The only difficult part of being alumni director to 6,000 people is trying to make everybody happy, something I tried but failed to accomplish. Your support and understanding made my job as easy as it could be. You are a terrific group of talented, hard working, thoughtful, and caring people and it has been a pleasure to know and work with you. And as much as all of us at Western New England College School of Law are proud of you, our graduates, I hope I have contributed in some small way in making you proud of us.
Good-bye and good luck.

Sincerely,

Susan F. Parry

Sue Parry

Alumni Profile

Jessica Blackman Freedman '78
The School of Law's Own Cyber "Dear Abby"

Jessica Blackman Freedman '78 and her twin sister, Alison Blackman Dunham, have joined forces to provide relationship and dating advice on the Internet. The twins, known in cyberspace as The Advice Sisters,™ have amassed an on-line readership of more than two million people. Cybersite readers use The Advice Sisters™ much in the way millions of newspaper readers rely on the guidance of the other twins in the advice business, Abigail Van Buren and Ann Landers. But these sisters work together and are often referred to as the "Siskel and Ebert of Advice," since they use a similar "two-opinions-on-one subject" format.

The sisters started their Internet advice column three years ago and have just published a book, *Recruiting Love: Using the Business Skills You Have to Find the Love You Want.* The book shows readers how to use the skills and concepts most adults already have developed in the working world to focus on what they really want in a relationship, what they have to offer, and how to find the perfect match easily and quickly.

Both sisters graduated from Syracuse University. After leaving the School of Law in 1978, Jessica worked as a legislative director for several members of Congress, practiced law, and served as a lecturer of writing and literature at The American University and at Northern Virginia Community College. She also is the owner of a freelance writing and editing business. In addition to her law degree from Western New England College, Jessica has a master's in education from The American University. Alison earned a masters in public administration from New York University and was a managing editor for John Wiley & Sons and an account executive for Hill & Knowlton.

Alison Blackman Dunham and Jessica Blackman Freedman '78 are twin sisters. Their career and relationship advice columns enjoy a readership of 2.5 million people worldwide.

As the twins approached their 40th birthday, they began to take stock of their lives. They decided that they enjoyed helping people become successful and that they had a unique talent for giving great advice. And of course, being twins, it was only natural for them to make a professional change together. Realizing that the Internet was fast becoming the method of communication for the next century, they began to write a career advice column for an on-line service for educators and students. Soon after they expanded the career advice column to include romance topics.

Their book idea was born out of these on-line columns. In describing the book, the sisters point out that a search for love uses very similar steps and skills to a search for a great job. "Dating is not romance, it is the process you have to go through to find the love you want. *Recruiting Love* is a serious book using real-life examples, self-tests, and worksheets," Alison remarked. "Through a business analogy, we suggest to our readers to stay focused, organized, and active in their search for love, just as a career counselor suggests the best way to search for the perfect job," Jessica added.

"Having a legal education has been beneficial," Jessica noted; "There is a section in the book that briefly touches on divorce and separation issues and knowing the law has allowed me to be much more savvy on all business and relationship issues. If I did not have legal training, I think I would not be as good a 'reader' of people as I now am."

The Advice Sisters™ can be found on numerous websites including their own interactive website, www.advicesisters.com. *Recruiting Love* is available at bookstores nationwide and on-line at amazon.com.

Alumni Support

Law Alumni Exceed Giving Goals

DONOR SUMMARY

Dean Dunn established a goal of 1,000 law alumni donors and $75,000 from individuals during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1998. Thanks to your generosity we met his goals. During Fiscal Year 1998 1,014 alumni made donations totaling $77,515.

Class	Donors 1996	Donors 1997	Donors 1998	Percent 1997	Percent 1998	Law School[1]	AHLC & College	Total
1923 – 42	9	10	8	29%	24%	$5,900		$5,900
1956 – 59	7	8	6	23%	30%	275	$ 2,150	2,425
1960 – 69	17	21	24	22%	26%	3,500	500	4,000
1970 – 75	26	37	39	18%	19%	2,600		2,600
1976	25	53	49	21%	20%	4,354	300	4,654
1977	27	45	54	21%	26%	3,210	1,050	4,260
1978	30	45	48	24%	26%	3,148		3,148
1979	20	42	43	22%	21%	2,970		2,970
1980	32	51	48	22%	21%	3,980	200	4,180
1981	26	46	53	18%	20%	2,908	25	2,933
1982	28	48	49	20%	21%	4,450	5,000	9,450
1983	31	61	51	22%	19%	2,927	475	3,402
1984	33	53	47	23%	21%	3,940	500	4,440
1985	17	28	43	12%	19%	2,188	50	2,238
1986	18	45	38	20%	18%	2,002		2,002
1987	23	34	36	15%	16%	2,058		2,058
1988	24	35	48	14%	20%	1,995		1,995
1989	14	25	30	10%	13%	1,370		1,370
1990	22	27	39	11%	16%	2,045		2,045
1991	18	29	33	13%	15%	1,520		1,520
1992	23	26	41	12%	20%	2,455	50	2,505
1993	22	35	47	14%	19%	2,023		2,023
1994	22	25	38	11%	18%	1,182		1,182
1995	12	19	39	9%	18%	1,778		1,778
1996	NA	15	24	7%	12%	1,095		1,095
1997	NA	NA	39	NA	18%	1,317	25	1,342
Subtotal	526	864	1,014	16%	19%	$67,190	$10,325	$77,515
Friends	8	15	31	NA	NA	11,573		11,573
Foundations	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	2,500	12,500	15,000
Corporate	NA	32	27	NA	NA	2,940	575	3,515
Employees	NA	NA	6	NA	NA	315	400	715
Total	534	910	1,077			$84,518	$23,800	$108,318

[1] Law School includes $1,507 for Law Library, $6,787 for Law Alumni Scholarship Endowment, $10,108 for named law scholarships and $66,116 for law unrestricted fund.

Alumni Support

for named Scholarships and Awards

Thanks to the generosity of law alumni and other supporters, the School of Law is able to award scholarships to law students and to recognize academic achievement at graduation.

The Bean Street Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a woman in her last year of law school who is a member of Law Review, who has a demonstrated potential for professional excellence, and who has financial need. The scholarship was established in memory of Catherine Bean Street '90, by her family and friends.

The family of David N. Case '80 established a scholarship in his memory, which is awarded to a part-time student who has completed at least two years of study, is employed, has financial need, and ranks in the upper half of the class.

The Student Bar Association selects the recipient of the Grummel Memorial Scholarship based on academic success, extracurricular activities, and economic need. This Scholarship is in the name of Joanne Grummel, a first year evening student who died in an automobile accident in 1979.

Former Dean and Professor John J.O'Connor has two scholarships in his honor. The John J. O'Connor Scholarship is awarded to incoming or returning law students with preference given to students having a disability. The John J. O'Connor Memorial Scholarship recognizes those students who exhibit a commitment to service to the School of Law and community. Academic achievement and financial need are also considered. The Memorial Scholarship recipient is selected by the Student Bar Association. John O'Connor served the law school as a professor from 1963 to 1987 and as acting dean for the 1976–77 academic year.

The O'Malley Scholarship remembers John M. P. O'Malley L'32/H'74, who began teaching contract law at the Law School in 1946 and taught here for more than 20 years. His scholarship is awarded to a third-year evening student who has demonstrated academic excellence and has financial need.

The Dorothy F. Sheehan Scholarship is awarded to a female applicant who has interrupted her education and is seeking to enter the School of Law.

The Sullivan Scholarship is awarded to an applicant who has demonstrated unusual determination in overcoming obstacles in order to pursue a legal education. This scholarship was created to honor Marjorie A. Sullivan, a ten-year staff member of the Admissions Office who died in 1983.

The Thompson Memorial Scholarship remembers George Thompson who was on the faculty at Western New England College School of Law for nine years. This scholarship is awarded to the second, third, or fourth-year law student with the highest average and demonstrated financial need.

Donations to the Law Alumni Scholarship Endowment support awards made to students entering their last year of law school who have shown academic merit and have financial need.

Given in honor of Professor Norman Prance, who taught at the Law School from 1978 to 1985, the Prance Award honors the graduate whom the faculty believe Professor Prance would have most liked to have known and taught.

The McBride Award is given to the graduate who has made the greatest advances from the first to the last year of law school. Edward F. McBride was a graduate of the law school.

The graduate having the highest average in probate-related course receives the Abraham Smith Award. This award was established to honor Abraham I. Smith, a judge of the Hampden County Probate Court for over 25 years, and who was, prior to that, in private practice in Springfield since the 1930s.

Judge Smith taught probate law at the law school for many years.

The Snyder Family Saint Joseph of Cupertino Ethics Award was established in 1995 and funded by Graceanne T. Snyder '95 and her family to recognize excellence in legal ethics matters.

The James C. Faison Multicultural Leadership Award was established in 1996 and recognizes a graduating student's service to the School of Law community by providing leadership in promoting awareness and celebration of our racial, ethnic, and religious diversity. The recipient is selected by the faculty and alumni of color. James C. Faison '83, who died in 1997, dedicated much of his professional career to helping students of color succeed academically.

Alumni and others wishing to donate to any of these funds should make their check payable to the fund and send their donations to the School of Law using the envelope found in the center of *Perspectives* or mail their donations to the Office of Alumni Relations, Western New England College School of Law, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.

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Law Alumni Association President Rich Trenk '82, left, and Melissa Dane '82, Association Treasurer, presented Professor Phil Bouchard a painting to commemorate his 25 years of service to the School of Law.

Dean Donald Dunn, Fred Smith, Jr. '86, and David Page '85 at the Boston, MA, alumni reception in October.

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The Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners agreed to offer the Massachusetts bar examination in western Massachusetts. This change in policy resulted from the efforts of Professor Art Wolf and Associate Justice John Greaney of the Supreme Judicial Court. Seventy-nine people took the exam here at the School of Law on February 24 and 25.

Dean Dunn noted, "This is absolutely wonderful news for our students who, historically, have been required to incur hotel, travel, and other costs that students in other parts of the state have not had to incur. Art Wolf and Judge Greaney deserve a well earned thank you for all their efforts on behalf of our students."

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In honor of the School of Law's 25th Anniversary Celebration, the Law Alumni Association conducted its first-ever special fund raising campaign: $25 for the 25th. Chair of the Association's Alumni Giving Committee, Jack Looney '76, reports that as of November 20, 1998, the following 517 alumni contributed to this effort, raising more than $14,500. Thank you!

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Assistant Dean and Director of Career Services Charlene Allen cowrote a brochure on *Careers in Legal Publishing* in her role as Northeast Chair of the National Association for Law Placement's Alternative Careers Committee. Chellie and her husband, Peter Dobrowolski, also announced the birth of their son, Curt D. Allen, in October 1998.

Professor Amy B. Cohen taught a one-day seminar on basic contract law to the clerk-magistrates who decide small claims matters in western Massachusetts. The seminar was held in conjunction with the Judicial Institute for the Administrative Office of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Beth Cohen, acting director of the Lawyering Process Program, is serving as an assistant editor of the *Proceedings Issue of Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.* She recently reviewed chapters of The *Process of Legal Writing*, a forthcoming book by Aspen Law & Business. In June, Beth and Lawyering Process Instructor Myra Orlen attended the Legal Writing Institute Conference held at the University of Michigan.

Michele Dill LaRose, Head of Reader Services, and Pat Newcombe, Reference Librarian, had their "Self-Help Sources: A Selective Bibliography" published in LLNE NEWS 19:2 1998. This bibliography was specifically designed to assist the non-legal patron in researching a variety of topical legal issues.

Dean Donald J. Dunn is coauthor of *Fundamentals of Legal Research*, 7th edition, and the abridged edition of *Legal Research Illustrated*, 7th ed. Both were published by Foundation Press in August 1998. Bonnie Koneski-White, Director of the Law Library, contributed three chapters and prepared the index for both books.

Eric J. Eden was appointed assistant dean and director of admissions at the School of Law. Eric has his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Arizona and earned his J.D. in 1996 from the University of Minnesota. He joined the School of Law as assistant director of admissions in November 1996.

Professor James A. Gardner recently received a contract from Garland Publishing to edit a two-volume work on state constitutional protection of individual liberties. The working title is *State Constitutional Protection of Individual Liberties and the U.S. Constitution.* It will be part of Garland's series on *Controversies in Constitutional Law.* Professor Gardner will also contribute a chapter on Federalism to a new book entitled *A Communitarian Legal Reader.* The book will consist of original material contributed by a number of legal scholars whose work reflects a communitarian approach to legal subjects. He also was a panelist at an October 1998 conference at American University entitled "Is There a Constitutional Right to Vote and Be Represented? The Case of the District of Columbia."

Professor Anne B. Goldstein participated in the "Same-Gender Sexual Harassment" panel in October, sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Division and the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County Bar Associations. Charles P. Wagner '95 coordinated the panel.

Professor Eric J. Gouvin presented his paper, "Banking in North America: The Triumph of Public Choice Over Public Policy," at the annual meeting of the

Canadian Law and Economics Association held at the University of Toronto in September. The article will also be published in the *Cornell International Law Journal.* Professor Gouvin and his wife, Beth Lovejoy, had a baby boy in May 1998. His name is Joseph Lovejoy Gouvin and he joins sister, Lucy.

Melissa Johnston was appointed assistant director of career services in July. Melissa received a M. Ed. with a concentration in Higher Education and Student Personnel from Kent State University in 1998. She received her B.A. from John Carroll University where she majored in sociology. After receiving her B.A., Melissa worked for Cornell University in the Undergraduate Admissions Office and for The Cornell Tradition Office until she entered graduate school. During graduate school she did graduate internships in financial aid, admissions, and in the office of the registrar in addition to career services.

Jeanne M. Kaiser was appointed an instructor in the Lawyering Process Program. Jeanne is a 1993 *magna cum laude* graduate of Western New England College School of Law. She has a B.A. *(cum laude)* in Mass Communications and a M.S. *(cum laude)* in Rehabilitation Counseling, both from SUNY Buffalo. Jeanne was articles editor of *Western New England Law Review* and among the many awards she received during her law school career was the Norman Prance Award. Following graduation Jeanne was a judicial clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth Porada of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and was a litigation associate with Fierst & Pucci in Northampton.

Professor Francis "Jay" Mootz is the author of "Theoretical Knowledge in Legal Practice," published in the Spring 1998 issue of the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal.* His essay "Between Truth and Provocation: Reclaiming Reason in American Legal Scholarship" was published in the Summer 1998 issue of the *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities.* Another essay, "National Law and the Cultivation of Legal Rhetoric" will appear this fall in a book to be published by Amsterdam University Press and the University of Michigan Press. Professor Mootz has two other articles in circulation and is at work on several other writing projects.

Peggy Sheldon has returned as the permanent evening academic records assistant. During the day, she works in the legal department of MassMutual. Peggy substituted during the last academic year for Erin Landers. This year Erin will substitute for Peggy on an as-needed basis. The Student Records office is open Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:45 until 8:15 for alumni needing transcripts and other assistance.

Assistant Professor Valorie K. Vojdik continues to appear on television to present commentary on a variety of legal issues. Most recently, she has discussed the special prosecutor's role in the investigation of the President.

Professor Arthur D. Wolf appeared on local television recently in connection with Kenneth Starr's investigation of presidential activities. He commented on the compelled testimony of the President's secret service protectors, on the prospects for the indictment of the President, and on the possibility of impeachment proceedings in the Congress. Professor Wolf also provided commentary to the local media on the legality, from an international law perspective, on the U.S. attacks on terrorist facilities in Afghanistan and the Sudan.

Director of the Law Library Bonnie Koneski-White announced several changes in the library staff. Shana McLaughlin was promoted to secretary to the director of the Law Library. Previously, Shana was technical services assistant at the Law Library for eight years. Marie Gosselin has been promoted from serials assistant to technical services assistant. David Paulsen joined the staff as day circulation manager and Matt Massengill joined the staff as evening circulation manager. Bonnie remarked when announcing the appointments, "We are very lucky to have the Law Library staffed by dedicated and knowledgeable employees who have a great service orientation. I hope you will say hello to the new staff and join me in congratulating Shana and Marie on their promotions."

Class Notes

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Larry Hott received an Emmy for his award-winning film *Divided Highways*. Larry showed the film and discussed his career at a seminar held at the law school in November. See photo on page 34.

Jack E. Houghton is serving as a delegate of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 1998–1999 year.

Jack F. St. Clair was listed as one of America's best criminal defense attorneys in the nation in the 1998 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

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Archer B. Battista has formed a partnership with William F. Malloy and opened an office in Springfield. Arch's primary practice is civil litigation.

Michelle DeBord, executive director of Keystone Legal Services, has been appointed co-chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Legal Services to the Public Committee.

Stanley R. Light continues his private practice in Springfield and plays horn in the Pioneer Valley Symphony. His children, Joshua, 11 and Elizabeth, 7, are both budding musicians as is his wife, Bonnie, who teaches a program titled *Music for Little People*, a program of early childhood education in music and movement.

Charles O. Taylor, a partner in the Metairie, LA, firm of Carter & Taylor, has been appointed an adjunct professor of law at Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, teaching courses related to professionalism. Chuck is also an adjunct professor at Tulane University and was both on the conference planning committee and presented a seminar at a National Institute for Trial Advocacy conference held in November.

James V. Thompson has just celebrated a rewarding 20 years of practicing law. Jim has been a high school teacher, served as Ludlow Town Counsel, president of the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club, and president and board member of the former Ludlow Hospital. He lives in Ludlow with his wife, Kathryn, and their two children, Sean and Katelyn.

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Patrick M. Prue was the youngest probate judge in the history of the Windham, CT, district when elected in 1978. But 20 years later he's retiring because, as he puts it, he doesn't want to make history a second time as the oldest probate judge to retire. He is at the helm of Prue, Lavigne and Bacharach, P.C. in Willimantic. He and his wife, Lynn, are the parents of Brian, 14, and Kevin, 11.

Alfred A. Stadnicki has become a partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Lalos & Keegan, which specializes in patent, trademark, and copyright law.

Celia B. Weinstein of Newton is serving on the board of the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers, the oldest women's bar association in the United States. Celia has a solo practice in Boston.

Gary D. Wodlinger, a partner with the Vineland, NJ, firm of Lipman, Antonelli, Batt, Dunlap, Wodlinger & Gilson, has been reappointed to a two-year term on the New Jersey State Bar Association Board of Trustees.

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Colleen C. Currie received the First Annual Women's Bar Association's Pro Bono Award recognizing outstanding commitment and leadership in providing pro bono legal representation to indigent women and children in Hampshire and Hampden counties. Her award was presented in May 1998 at the School of Law.

Joy Ann "Jan" Perry was named to the Board of Trustees at Monadnock Waldorf School, Keene, NH, and was elected vice president in June 1998. The Board is responsible for legal and financial matters at the school and works on a variety of service projects to support the students and teachers.

Stephen P. Scuderi is now associated with the Windsor, CT, firm of Fishman, Dionne, Cantor & Colburn, practicing patent and copyright law.

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Peter T. Elikann, cochairman of the Massachusetts Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Council, recently sold the publication rights to his second book, *Superpredators: The Demonization of Our Children by the Law*. It is about violent youth crime and will be in bookstores in spring 1999. Peter practices in Boston concentrating in criminal defense and is a Court TV network commentator.

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The Connecticut Commissioner of Public Safety has announced the promotion of state police captain Timothy F. Barry of Southbury, CT, to the rank of lieutenant. His most recent assignment was the acting commander of the Western District Headquarters.

Maureen Platt-Temchin and Earl M.Temchin live in Southington, CT, with their two children, Maura, 12, and Matthew, 10. Maureen is an assistant state's attorney in the Bridgeport, CT, State's Attorney Office and Earl is a partner at Schettino & Temchin in North Haven.

Jule Irene Foster is in private practice in Ridgefield, CT, where she lives with her husband, Craig, sons, Mark and Matt, daughter, Cheryl, and their beloved family of dogs. *(pictured below)*

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Lawrence J. Levine has relocated his law offices to East Longmeadow, MA.

Richard M. Riccobono has been named to the number two position as deputy director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, a bureau of the U.S. Treasury Department, in Atlanta.

Charles D. Hines was on the faculty for the Connecticut Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education program, Defending the Criminal Charge: Pre-Trial Criminal Procedures.

Walter A. Stewart has been elected to the School Committee for the town of Ludlow, MA. Walter, his wife, Marsha, and their children, Amanda and Randall, reside in Ludlow.

Donald P. Whitney, previously a partner in the firm of Whitney & Kay, in Springfield, has been appointed clerk-magistrate of the Hampden County Juvenile Court by Massachusetts Gov. A. Paul Cellucci.

Jonathan D. Blum has been named senior vice president, public affairs, of Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc. which is the parent company of Taco Bell, KFC, and Pizza Hut. Jonathan now lives in Kentucky.

Curt L. Hamakawa and his wife, Diane, had a baby girl in March 1998, Kylie Fay. Kylie joins big sister, Micaela, 4. The family lives in Colorado Springs where Curt is director of athlete services for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Mark L. Nowak is associated with the firm of Rutherford, Mulhall & Wargo in Boca Raton, FL. He concentrates in probate, tax and trusts, and estates law.

Michael G. Rikard is now an associate with the firm of Thomas H. Makeig, P.C. in Fairfield, IA. He was formerly a teacher at Mt. Pleasant and Fairfield Christian Schools in Iowa.

Scott C. Thompson has been named deputy regional attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Philadelphia.

William G. Cullinan is an associate with the Springfield firm of Cohen, Rosenthal, P.C., focusing his practice in the areas of civil litigation and personal injury law.

District attorneys from across the state of Massachusetts recently honored Hampden County's chief trial lawyer, Elizabeth R. Dunphy Farris, as their "Prosecutor of the Year." She has successfully prosecuted several high-profile cases since she was first hired as a student prosecutor in 1983. Elizabeth and her husband, Timothy M. '87, live in Longmeadow with their three children, Eliza, 6, Timothy Jr., 4, and Harrison, 2.

Linda J. Kidder was chair of the Connecticut Continuing Legal Education seminar, Estate Planning and Its Pitfalls: Dangers on the 706 and Litigation, held in November 1998.

After nearly 10 years with a union-sponsored prepaid legal plan, Amy Bernstein Cleary has become assistant counsel at PW Funding, Inc., located in Mineola, NY. PW Funding is a mortgage company that provides mortgages to residents in multifamily low and moderate income developments.

Francine R. Singer Lee and her husband, Eric, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Julia Kai. Francine was recently promoted to first vice president, Executive Services and Strategies Group at Prudential Securities. The family resides in Scarsdale, NY.

Susan M. Murray is the sports information director and women's field hockey coach at New England College. She is pictured below with her 15-month-old son, Jack. Susan and her family live in New Hampshire.

Priscilla F. Chesky has been elected first vice chairman of the board of directors of Holyoke Hospital. She is a partner in the law firm of Lyon, Ferriter and Fitzpatrick, LLP.

Maureen Duggan Regula has been named city corporation counsel for Derby, CT. She began her practice as an associate with the law firm of Jacobs, Grudbergy, Belt and Dow in New Haven, CT, and in 1990 she was appointed an assistant attorney general in Connecticut handling juvenile matters.

Lawrence A. Sousie has recently become associated with Greenhill Partners, P.C. in New York City.

Samuel D. Friedlander published an article titled "A Practical Guide To Auditing Bills Of Outside Counsel" in the September 21, 1998 issue of the *New York Law Journal*. Sam is the associate general counsel for The Falconwood Group, headquartered in New York City.

Denese L. Chisholm, of Hartford, has been sworn in as a family support magistrate. Her diversified career began as a psychiatric social worker in a Newington hospital. She also taught in Hartford, was a pension analyst for Travelers Insurance, and a clerk for U.S. District Judge Peter C. Dorsey.

Michael J. Finn has been named a partner in the law firm of Monstream and May, LLP. He currently resides in Glastonbury, CT, with his wife and three children.

Mary D. Partyka has been appointed to the Law Department staff in Chicopee, MA. Mary is assigned to the Board of Alderman and focuses on zoning, housing, and code enforcement issues.

Martha A. Demany Alikacem is now the director of managed care contracting/government programs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, located in Richardson.

Melanie S. Lewis has joined the Northwestern District Attorney's office in Northampton, MA. Melanie was in private practice from 1991 to 1997, specializing in criminal law in district and juvenile courts.

Christopher T. Milliman now works as in-house counsel for the Travelers Insurance Company in Syracuse, NY. He lives in Manlius, NY, with his wife, Roseann, and their two children Katherine, 3, and Matthew, 1.

R. Cris Palmer wrote that he maintains his own general practice in Stonington, CT, and serves as the elected registrar of voters for Stonington. He also holds the office of Justice of the Peace in Stonington and, until

recently, served as economic development commissioner for the municipality. Recently, he was honored to be chosen for inclusion in *Who's Who in American Law 1998-1999.*

Caroline J. Robillard is practicing with the firm of Mark E. Salomone '84 in Springfield.

Patrick W. Ryan now works as an attorney for the State of New Hampshire Judicial Branch in the Keene District Court.

Aron L. Smith is living in California and working for the California Relay Service in Riverbank.

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Karla E. Barz-Conway and George P. Conway announce the latest addition to their family, a son, Gunnar John. He joins his two older sisters, Megan, 5, and Mikala, 3. Karla practices with the Law Offices of Edward C. Fassett, Jr. in Albany, NY, which is the house counsel for CGU Insurance. CGU Insurance resulted from a merger of General Accident Insurance and Commercial Union Insurance. She handles personal injury defense litigation in eastern and upstate New York as well as western Massachusetts. George is a trial attorney for Finkelstein, Levine, Gittelsohn & Partners in Newburgh, NY, practicing personal injury law representing plaintiffs.

Gregory C. Brennan reports that he is now the civil court commitment coordinator for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Austin. He has been living in and enjoying Texas for six years.

Stuart Case, of Hampton, CT, has earned inclusion in *Who's Who in American Law 1998-1999.* Stuart maintains a solo practice in Mansfield Center, CT, with concentrations in the areas of employee rights, trademarks, computer, and other intellectual property concerns. He is also a member of the tribal court bars of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Gaming Disputes Court of the Mohegan Tribe.

Christine L. Chinni has been named partner at Shipman & Goodwin LLP in Hartford.

Michele Felasco Cano and her husband, Juan M. Cano, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Isabella and Gabriella. The family resides in Alexandria, VA, and Michele continues with the U.S. Department of Justice/Antitrust Division.

Jeffrey R. Houle is a partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Greenberg, Traurig, Hoffman, Lipoff, Rosen & Quentel, where he continues to focus his practice in the areas of corporate finance, securities, and executive compensation. Greenberg Traurig is a 400-attorney international law firm with offices in 12 U.S. cities and Latin America. Jeff is located at the Tyson Corner, VA office.

The town of Montville, CT, has hired Patricia L. Ingellis to head its water and sewer department.

In August 1998, Major Joseph R. Perlak was promoted to his present rank by Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, General Richard I. Neal. The ceremony took place at Marine Corps Headquarters in the Pentagon. Joseph and his wife, Cathy, presently reside in Alexandria, VA.

Lisa M. Rico is now an associate with Gadsby & Hannah, LLP in Boston, MA.

Michael A. Riehler is now an associate with the Law Office of J. Michael Hayes, Buffalo, NY.

Jeffrey R. Teolis is now regulatory counsel for Jeneric/Pentron, Inc., in Wallingford, CT. Jeff works on environmental and OSHA regulatory compliance matters for the company.

The Governor's Council confirmed Maureen E. Walsh the newest member of the Massachusetts Parole Board. She worked as a law clerk before joining Northwestern District (MA) Attorney Elizabeth D. Scheibel's '80 staff in 1994.

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Alma P. Baez is a senior underwriter with Sun Life of Canada.

Natasha M. Bizanos recently married Michael F. Ashe. Natasha is with the Division of Capital Asset Management for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Boston, MA, and Michael is assistant general counsel for Travelers Insurance/Citicorp in Worcester, MA. The couple reside in Framingham, MA.

Melissa A. Brown Maichle is practicing with the firm of John Bena III & Associates, P.C. in Quincy, MA.

Daniel J. Finnegan and Theresa M. Sheehan Finnegan '93 are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Molly. The couple also have a son, Thomas, 3, and they live in Wilbraham, MA. Daniel continues as an associate with Bulkley, Richardson & Gelinas and Theresa is an associate at the Springfield office of the Boston firm of Morrison, Mahoney & Miller.

Michael A. Flynn sends greetings from Chandler, AZ, where he and his family have lived since 1993. After working for two years at a branch office of a Houston law firm that represented over 900 individual clients in a major environmental law case, Michael is now teaching working adults at Western International University. The Flynns have added a fourth son to the family, Kevin Joseph.

The new group director of regulatory research and services for the Southern Connecticut Gas Company is Heather F. Hunt.

Lisa M. Marrello-Knapek and husband, Larry, are delighted to announce the birth of their twin sons, Carter Anthony and Brooks Lawrence, born in August 1998. Lisa is an assistant legislative representative for the City of New York Mayor's Office, in Albany, NY.

A. Thomas Waterfall has been made a partner of the Torrington, CT, firm of Smith, Keefe, Moraghan & Waterfall.

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Pamela H. Mondschein is an associate with the Hartford, CT, firm of Hunt, Leibert, Chester & Jacobson, P.C.

Claudia J. Reed is a senior claims attorney for the Monarch Life Insurance Company in Springfield, MA.

Theresa M. Sheehan Finnegan and Daniel J. Finnegan '92 are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Molly. The couple also have a son, Thomas, 3. Theresa is an associate with the Springfield, MA, office of Morrison, Mahoney & Miller and Daniel is an associate at Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas in Springfield.

Amy Silverstein is an associate with the Boston, MA, firm of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar, LLP. She practices intellectual property and real estate law.

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David A. Brooks and Jennifer F. Goodman Brooks '95 have recently relocated to Phoenix, AZ, where they both work for the state Medicaid program. David is health program manager where he is implementing a health care credentialing program for the state. As federal and state policy manager, Jennifer writes the laws and rules and develops policy for the Medicaid program.

Scott R. Chapman has been recently named as deputy general counsel for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, Criminal History Systems Board. He also began teaching Juvenile Justice at the School of Law.

Jonathan H. Gudema is now the assistant national director, Endowments & Planned Giving for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith in New York City. He is responsible for charitable estate and tax planning and estate administration for the organization. Jonathan married Rachael Plotkin in July 1997 and they are now the parents of Noah Elijah born in May 1998.

M. Toni Maloney has joined the Springfield office of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in the Business and Labor Protection Bureau as deputy managing attorney of the Fair Labor and Business Practices Division. She previously had a private practice in Greenfield, MA, specializing in criminal defense, family law, and juvenile law.

Alec L. McEachern has been accepted into the graduate tax program at Boston University School of Law. Alec was until recently an associate in the Portsmouth, NH, office of Shaines & McEachern P.A., where he specialized in general litigation, probate, and estate planning. Alec, his wife, Cynthia, and their three children reside in Portsmouth.

Michael D. Mori recently married Cindy S. Chase '95. They have relocated to Guam where Michael is serving in the U.S. Marine Judge Advocate General Corps.

Eileen C. Moskey has been named an associate with Sabia & Hartley in Hartford.

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Gina Cinelli Birchall was recently elected Member at Large at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council. Gina is a civil litigation attorney with the Springfield, MA, firm of Santaniello, Posnik & Basile, P.C.

Scott D. Camassar and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents of William Garrison Camassar, born in May 1998. The family lives in Norwich, CT.

Cindy S. Chase and Michael D. Mori '94 were recently married. They have relocated to Guam, where Michael is serving in the U.S. Marine Judge Advocate General Corps.

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Thomas R. Kasper is now associated with Cohn, Birnbaum, P.C. in Hartford, CT.

Heather McMullen Prendergast is specializing in medical malpractice and insurance defense law with the Joplin, MO, firm of Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell and Carter, P.C. Previously Heather was a prosecutor in the Illinois State's Attorney's Office.

Michele J. Phelps has recently been named claims attorney at Executive Risk in Simsbury, CT. Executive Risk is an insurance company and Michele's areas of practice are insurance, employment, and healthcare.

Robert J. Riccio is an associate with the Natick firm of Vehlein, Cunningham & Machanic.

Cheryl A. Rivera and Laura M. Marino '96 have opened their own practice in Springfield, MA. Cheryl also was elected to represent the 10th Hampden district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She serves as chairwoman of the Springfield Park Commission and has been working for Brightwood Development Corp. of Springfield as vice president of operations.

John C. Romeo is an associate with the Philadelphia firm of Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien and Frankel. John and his wife, Rayleen Venezia Romeo '95, live in Wynnewood, PA.

Kira S. Struble was recently appointed trustee for the Passaic County (NJ) Bar Association and she also recently accepted a position as mediation coordinator in the Family Division of the Passaic County Courts.

Anita C. White recently married Joseph R. Conte in Northampton, MA. She is a court worker for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Office of Child Support Enforcement in Worcester, MA.

Jeffrey T. Zaino has relocated to New Rochelle, NY, where he is working for the American Arbitration Association in New York City.

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Susan Arnold Mielnikowski is now an associate at the Springfield, MA, firm of Cohen, Rosenthal P.C., with a practice in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law, corporate law, and domestic relations.

Darrell E. Jeffers *(pictured right)* has joined the Albany, NY, law firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman and Dicker LLP. He will be of counsel in the health law practice specializing in a variety of managed care issues. Formerly, Darrell was vice president of the Healthcare Association of New York State.

Laura M. Marino and Cheryl A. Rivera '95 opened the Law Office of Rivera & Marino in June 1998. Laura also serves on the City of Springfield's Planning Board and does pro bono workshops on such subjects as elder abuse.

David R. Martin has been named chief of staff and general counsel by Massachusetts State Senator Richard T. Moore of Uxbridge, MA. David was formerly employed as an associate for Traveler's Insurance in Worcester, MA.

Michael J. Quinlan and Sherene Baillargeon were married in January 1998 in Enfield, CT. He is a lawyer with the law office of James Pickett in Rocky Hill, CT.

Richard Selinger is an assistant public defender in the Office of the Public Defender in Jacksonville, FL. He previously served as a judicial law clerk in Massachusetts Superior Court.

Howard Steinman is now associated with the Hartford, CT, firm of Gordon, Muir & Foley.

Kevin A. Terhune is now with Brogan & Brogan, P.C., a Shrewsbury, NJ, general practice firm concentrating in commercial litigation, elder law, bankruptcy, commercial and residential landlord/tenant law, real estate, trusts & estates, and immigration.

Matthew C. Wagner is practicing copyright, commercial, and corporate law with the Law Office of James E. Meyers, P.C. in Washington, D.C.

Andrea Wells and Kevin Hennebry were recently married. Andrea is an associate with Stone, Stone and Creem in Boston, MA, and Kevin is a contract administrator with the Raytheon Corporation in Rhode Island.

David A. Young, Jr., Army National Guard Captain, has completed a course for Special Forces detachment commanders, followed by language training in French and Arabic.

Darrell E. Jeffers '96

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Michael D. Blanchard has returned to Massachusetts to begin his position with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Boston, MA. While clerking in Arizona, Mike cowrote an article with former School of Law professor Jack Chin that was published in *American University Law Review.* He also completed an article on state constitutional law that he wrote for an independent study for Professor Gardner that was accepted in *University of Pittsburgh Law Review.* He also penned several other pieces which will appear in *New England Encyclopedia of Culture, Law Section* (forthcoming) on railroad regulation, and property and commercial law.

Francisco Calderon is now an assistant district attorney with the Albany County, NY, District Attorney's Office.

Linda M. Fertel is practicing family law as an associate with the firm of Harnish, Jenney, Mitchell & Resti in Waltham, MA.

Nicole M. France Waldert recently married William Waldert, Jr. After honeymooning in Hawaii the couple is residing in Shrewsbury, MA. Nicole works for the John Hancock Insurance Company in Boston, MA.

Tanya L. Green is a conversion specialist with TDEC in Sterling, VA.

Jonathan E. Lilja has finished his judicial law clerk position with the Massachusetts Appeals Court and is now an associate with Cohan, Resnick, Myerson & Marcus, LLP in Boston, MA.

Nicole A. Martel has been hired as an associate with the Law Offices of Michael F. Dowley in Middletown, CT. She was formerly a temporary assistant clerk for the State of Connecticut.

Jack Q. Nichols is an assistant attorney general with the Habeas Corpus Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office in Austin.

Michael J. O'Hara is the town planner for the Town of Auburn, MA.

Robert T. Schmidlin is now an assistant legislative counsel for the New York State Insurance Department in Albany where he is working on insurance, government, and legislative matters.

Elizabeth A. Wingfield is an assistant attorney general with the Economic Crimes Division of the Florida Attorney General's Office in Tampa.

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Alfred Campos is an associate with the Washington, D.C., office of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, a multi-faceted firm serving privately and publicly held corporations throughout the world.

Carol A. Carlson-Shaw is a judicial law clerk for the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court in Hampshire County.

Darlene N. Massery has accepted a position as a tax specialist with KPMG in Boston, MA.

Wayne H. Miller has relocated to Minnesota where he is practicing with the Minneapolis firm of Gray, Plant, Mooty & Bennett, P.A.

Sean D. Murphy is an associate at the Law Offices of Kevin J. Hecht, P.C. in Cheshire, CT.

Alumni who graduated from the School of Law in the 1950s and the faculty who taught them returned to campus in April. Seated left to right are: James "Bob" '56 and Eileen Crowe and Dean Donald Dunn; Standing are: George Tetreault '60, adjunct professors Jim Reed and Bill Godfrey, President Anthony Caprio, Gerry Pellegrini '57, and adjunct professor Sam Thompson.

Also enjoying the 1950s reunion held in April were seated left to right: Leonard and the Honorable Ann Gibbons '58, and adjunct professor and subsequent law dean the Honorable George Keady H'73. Back: Peg and Maurice Ferriter '57, adjunct professor Clarke Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. George Cramer '57.

Larry Hott '76 with his Emmy which he received for his award-winning film *Divided Highways,* a lighthearted look at the interstate highway system and its transformation of American life. Larry showed the film and discussed his career at a seminar held at the law school in November. In addition to receiving the Emmy, Larry has been nominated for an Oscar twice: in 1985, for *The Garden of Eden* and in 1989, for *The Wilderness Idea: John Muir, Gifford Pinchot, and the First Great Battle for Wilderness.* His latest film, *The ACLU,* debuted on PBS in October 1998 and his company, Florentine Films, released its first dramatic production, *The Boyhood of John Muir.* It was the winner of the Parents' Choice Gold Award, and was the Christmas Day Special on PBS in 1998.

In Memoriam

Fredda L. (Silk) Elgart '90 died on November 4, 1998, at the age of 55. A defense attorney, she practiced in Springfield, MA. She was a member of the Massachusetts and Hampden County Bar Associations. She was predeceased by her husband, Edmund, in 1989. Fredda is survived by her sons, Jonathan and Gordon, and her mother, Deborah Silk.

Former Dean of the School of Law Maurice B. Kirk died on October 12, 1998, at the age of 77. He became dean in 1973 when the School of Law began its full time day division. He had previously served as dean at Drake University School of Law and, at the time of his appointment, was a professor of law at Texas Tech University.

Dean Kirk accomplished many things during his deanship including hiring numerous full time law faculty, several of whom still remain at the law school today; developing the curriculum; negotiating for space at the Tinkham Road campus; and determining the support from the College necessary to sustain an initial day division of 160 students and an evening division of approximately 400 students. During Dean Kirk's tenure, the School received provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association.

After leaving the School of Law in 1976, Dean Kirk taught law at Syracuse University and served as dean at Potomac Law School in Washington, D.C. He later returned to western Massachusetts, working in private practice in Northampton for Francis E. Collins. He retired in 1992 to Lanexa, VA.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy Helen Kirk; two sons, Geoffrey and Timothy; and a daughter, Dorothea. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, 8300 Richmond Road, Toano, VA, 23168.

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Admissions Guide for Alumni

Alumni play a vital role in the success of the School of Law by encouraging and supporting strong applicants for admission. The following has been put together to provide you with information about how applications are reviewed by our office and to assist you in providing us with valuable letters for applicants you wish to recommend.

When the Admissions Committee reviews files for admission, its primary mission is to determine if the applicant will be a successful law student. Four major factors help the Committee make this determination: the LSAT score, the undergraduate grade point average (GPA), the applicant's personal statement, and letters of recommendation written on the applicant's behalf.

The Admissions Committee looks carefully at the combination of the LSAT and GPA because they are the best indicators of possible law school performance. In evaluating the GPA, the Admissions Committee evaluates what subjects were studied, where they were studied, and how long ago. The LSAT is also a very important indicator because it suggests the level of development of the applicant's facilities for logical reasoning, analytical reasoning, and reading comprehension.

The personal statement and letters of recommendation can also be very important factors. The personal statement is used by the Admissions Committee in two ways. First, it is used to assess the applicant's writing ability. A poorly written or edited statement creates a very bad impression. Second, the personal statement is used to gain some understanding of the applicant aside from his or her numerical indicators.

Letters of recommendation from alumni can be quite helpful to the Admissions Committee in evaluating an applicant's academic potential. Most letters of recommendation received on behalf of applicants are positive, but very general. As such, they make little impression on the Admissions Committee. Recommendations from someone who might be regarded as influential but who does not know the applicant well are not helpful to the Committee. Similarly, a recommendation stating that the applicant is friendly, neat, and punctual are not useful, as the Admissions Committee attempts to determine the academic potential of an applicant.

In order to be an effective advocate, the recommender must possess personal knowledge of the applicant and have a detailed knowledge of the applicant's writing, reasoning, and analytical abilities. The best letters are very detailed and specific.

All applications for admission to our law school are read in their entirety. Once an admissions decision has been reached, it is final for that year. We welcome calls from alumni who advocate on behalf of an applicant, but suggest that the most effective way to communicate your enthusiasm is in writing. A note from an alumnus/a can be easily shared with the entire Admissions Committee.

If you or any applicant you wish to recommend have further questions about the application process or about how to improve chances of admission on a reapplication, please contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 782-6665 or (413) 782-1406.

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